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NO DIST. (C) JEL 5545 FROM RELIABLE SOURCE DATED 9 MAY.

1. FURTHER TO JEL 5436 AHMED HILMI PASHA STATED HAD TOLD ARAB LEADERS AT ALJIAN IF ARABS WAITED UNTIL AFTER 15 MAY BEFORE ENTERING PALESTINE (WOULD FIND ARABS UPROOTED, JEWS IN CONTROL OF AREA ASSIGNED THEM UNDER PARTITION PLAN. EFFECT PRESENT WAR WAS TO CONFIRM RATHER THAN AVERT PARTITION. HILMI ADMITTED SOME VARIANT LAST NOVEMBER U.N. PARTITION PLAN ONLY LOGICAL OUTCOME PRESENT WARFARE.

2. HILMI FEELS TRUCE IMPOSSIBLE AFTER 15 MAY. SOURCE STATES DULK ARAB POPULATION WELCOME CEASE FIRE, WISH IT TO CONTINUE.

3. DELEGATION FROM LYCCA NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET MON 9 MAY ASKING FOR ARAB ARMS TO FEND OFF IMMINENT ATTACK. GIVEN 500 POUNDS BUT NO ARMS AVAILABLE.

4. ALSO SAID JERUSALEM NATIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD ASSUME ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY AFTER 15 MAY. UNCTI HAS INSTRUCTED IT COOPERATE WITH SYRIAN ARMY RATHER THAN ARAB LEGION.

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